

AMENDMENTS
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This application is a Continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/032,619, filed 1 November 2001 now United States Patent No. 6,508,189 issued January 21, 2003, which is a Continuation-In-Part Application of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/676,900, filed on October 2, 2000 now United States Patent No. 6,494,156 issued December 17, 2002, which ~~and also~~ claims provisional priority to United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/165,421, filed on November 13, 1999, ~~entitled Method and Apparatus for Preventing Cargo Spills, filed by and on behalf of Keith A. Robinson.~~

Amended Abstract

~~— A non-permeable bladder is used for transporting oil within a steel compartment onboard an oil tanker. The bladder is contained within a meso-skeleton suspended within the individual metal tank which causes any force which would otherwise puncture the bladder, to be spread evenly over the exterior of the bladder and causes the fluid within the bladder to be expelled through a check valve into one or more smaller containers which can either be maintained onboard the oil tanker or forced into the water through which the tanker had been moving.~~

~~— To provide resistance against terrorism or other acts of war, the upper deck of the tanker has a laminated structure, starting with the upper surface of the tanker down to the bladder, of a layer of steel, a layer of Kevlar, a layer of sodium bicarbonate powder, a second layer of Kevlar, a second layer of steel and then the bladder. The sides and bottom of the structure are also laminated, the exterior surface of the structure being a layer of Kevlar, being followed by a layer of sodium bicarbonate powder, the meso-skeleton, a second layer of sodium bicarbonate powder, a second layer of Kevlar and then the bladder.~~

A means for transportation is disclosed, where the means includes a ballistic protection structures associated with a flexible bladder cargo isolation system. A ballistic protection system for protecting means of transportation from ballistic attacks is also disclosed.